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The Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (Department) is accepting attestations for the Colorado Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. To date, over \$16 million dollars in incentive payments have been made to health care professionals and hospitals for the adoption and meaningful use of certified EHR technology.

Correcting Misinformation Submitted Through Attestation

If you discover that inaccurate information was submitted for your attestation, please contact the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Coordinator immediately at MedicaidEHR@corhio.org or 720-285-3232. The Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Coordinator will notify the Department to have your attestation pended back for correction, thus avoiding unnecessary delays to receiving your incentive payment.

What is "Active Do Not Pay" Status?

Within the Colorado Medicaid program, there are Medicaid providers that are listed with a payment status of "Active Do Not Pay," also known as a Rendering Provider. This status indicates that the provider is an active Medicaid provider, but cannot receive payment for claims directly (most likely due to the fact that their group or clinic already receives that payment on behalf of the provider for services rendered). Medicaid providers who maintain a status of "Active Do Not Pay" are ineligible to receive <u>any</u> type of payment from Medicaid directly, including the Medicaid EHR Incentive Payments. The Department is currently working through a solution for Eligible Professionals who have an "Active Do Not Pay" status and who wish to directly receive a Medicaid EHR Incentive Payment.

Moving Forward into Medicaid Meaningful Use

The Colorado Registration & Attestation System will begin accepting Medicaid Meaningful Use attestation in September 2012. As a reminder if an EP or an EH has previously attested to Medicare Meaningful Use, they are ineligible to attest for Medicaid adoption, implementation, upgrade (AIU) per the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Final Rule (2010).

Eligible Professionals

EPs that have previously attested to Medicare Meaningful Use must continue with the next steps of attestation for Meaningful Use using the timeline outlined in the CMS Final Rule (2010). For example, if an EP attested to Medicare Meaningful Use in fiscal year (FY) 2011, using a Medicare 90-day EHR reporting period, the required Medicaid EHR reporting period for attestation in the subsequent FY 2012 will be 12 months. For more information or questions on your timeline, please contact the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Coordinator at MedicaidEHR@corhio.org, or 720-285-3232.



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Please note the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program does not penalize EPs for attesting in non-consecutive years, but EPs receiving Medicare reimbursements may be subject to penalties beginning in 2015 if they cannot meet Meaningful Use criteria.

Eligible Hospitals

Dual-eligible hospitals that have previously attested to Medicare Meaningful Use must continue with the next steps of attestation for Meaningful Use without reverting to Medicaid AIU or repeating the Meaningful Use 90-day EHR reporting period (see column three in table). The table below outlines the timeline and attestation requirements for dual-eligible hospitals. For more information or questions on this timeline, please contact the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Coordinator at MedicaidEHR@corhio.org or 720-285-3232.

CMS Requirements for Medicare and Medicaid Meaningful Use Attestations

Medicaid	Order of EHR Incentive Program Attestation		
Payment Year	Medicaid Incentive	Medicaid FIRST, then Medicare	Medicare FIRST, then Medicaid in
	Program Only	in same FY	subsequent FY
One	Adopt, Implement,	Medicaid: AIU First	Medicare: MU using 90-day EHR
	Upgrade (AIU)	&	Reporting Period
		Medicare: MU using 90-day EHR	&
		Reporting Period	*Medicaid: MU using 12-month EHR
			Reporting Period (Full Federal FY)
Two	Meaningful Use (MU)	Both Medicaid & Medicare:	Both Medicaid & Medicare:
	using90-day EHR	MU using 12-month EHR	MU using12-month EHR Reporting
	Reporting Period	Reporting Period (Full Federal FY)	Period (Full Federal FY)
Three	MU using 12-month EHR	Both Medicaid & Medicare:	Both Medicaid & Medicare:
	Reporting Period	MU using 12-month EHR	MU using 12-month EHR Reporting
		Reporting Period (Full Federal FY)	Period (Full Federal FY)

^{*} Medicaid Meaningful Use attestation opens in the CO R&A in September 2012

U.S. House Bill May Permit Behavioral Health Providers to Become Eligible for Meaningful Use

The Behavioral Health Information Technology Act of 2012 was introduced to the United States House of Representatives on June 28, 2012 as a bipartisan amendment to the HITECH Act. H.R. 6043 proposes to extend the definition of eligibility for Medicare and Medicaid EHR incentive payments to include behavioral health, mental health and substance abuse treatment professionals and facilities. For more information on this bill or to track its progress through Congress, please visit Govtrack.us.



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Schedule an Outreach Event

In partnership with the Department, CORHIO offers outreach events throughout the State of Colorado to help educate potential EPs and EHs about the Colorado Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. If you believe an on-site or web-based education session would be beneficial to your group, please contact the Colorado Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Coordinator at MedicaidEHR@corhio.org or 720-285-3232 to schedule an outreach event.

Updated Anticipated Timeline - Colorado Medicaid EHR Incentive Program

Event	Status/ Expected Date
CMS registration opened for Colorado participants	Now Open!
Colorado Registration & Attestation (R&A) system live & Medicaid AIU attestation begins	Now Open!
First incentive payments issued to EPs and EHs who successfully attested to Medicaid AIU of Certified EHRs	Paid!
Colorado R&A system begins accepting Medicaid & Medicare Meaningful Use attestations	September 2012
CO R&A opens for EHs to attest to Meaningful Use for FFY 2013	January 2013
CO R&A opens for EPs to attest to Meaningful Use for calendar year 2013	April 2013

Medicaid Program Point of Contact and Partnerships

The Department has partnered with CORHIO and the Colorado Regional Extension Center (CO-REC) program to provide program coordination and assist with provider communications and outreach regarding the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. The Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Coordinator will be the central point of contact for EPs, partners, and other interested parties on requirements, processes and questions regarding the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program.

Colorado Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Contact Information:

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Xerox (formally Affiliated Computer Services) has been contracted by the Department to manage the Provider Outreach Page and to provide the CO R&A system, including the web portal through which eligible providers can register and



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attest to receive their EHR incentive payments. Xerox has previously implemented this solution in many other states, including California, Alaska and Texas.